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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 25 August 1959

Personnel Present: Col. Burke
Mr. Cunningham



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Col. Geary



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1. BUDGET AND RELATED PROGRAM APPROVALS - At a meeting held in the office of the DD/P on 20 August, Mr. Bissell directed that cuts be made in various parts of the DPD budget, principally in personnel services, travel, per diem, and contemplated air activities' overhead. He further stated that he felt that there were too many surveys being conducted and that too many people were attending meetings on the west coast. [redacted] office is presently working up the budget incorporating reductions in the above programs. A recommendation by [redacted] that all sections hold up on program approvals until such time as the DPD budget is accepted met with the agreement of all staffs. He suggested that the program approvals be prepared but not released, and that our primary consideration at this time be to get DPD money out of the Congressional FY-'60 budget.

2. VOLUME OF CABLE TRAFFIC - Mr. Cunningham announced that a memorandum is under preparation, covering all aspects of cable traffic in DPD. One point to be covered is the volume of cable traffic and recommendations as to how not only the number of cables may be cut down but also the unnecessary wording therein. Mr. Cunningham reminded the branch and section chiefs that it was their responsibility to monitor volume.



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NRO review(s) completed.

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draw up a specific agenda for the trip.

12. BRIEFING OF GENERAL MONTGOMERY - Col. Burke advised that Major General Richard Montgomery had received a general Agency briefing on 24 August in the office of the DCI. General Montgomery is the successor to General Smart and in his capacity as assistant to the Vice Chief of Staff, he will handle all staff problems for General White and General Lemay, particularly in the area of support.

13. BRIEFING OF GENERAL ERSKINE - A request has been received from the JCS to give a CHALICE, ARGON and CORONA briefing to General Erskine, Assistant for Special Operations in the Department of Defense and also to his deputy, Col. Lansdale. Security will take action on this as soon as General Erskine returns to Washington.

14. AIR ACTIVITIES BRIEFING FOR BUREAU OF THE BUDGET - At 1400 hours, 22 August, a briefing on CIA Air Activities and the recent reorganization will be given to cleared members of the Bureau of the Budget. If the budget group consists only of Messrs. Macy and Eckert, the briefing will cover CHALICE matters. If the budget group numbers four, which has been suggested, a separate briefing will be held to cover CHALICE. [] advised that he had been invited to a discussion of budgetary matters by the BOB to take place at 1645 on the same day at their office.

15. The ARGON meeting was conducted on 24 August and the CORONA monthly progress meeting on 25 August, both in Washington.

Mr. Bissell is meeting at 1430 hours with the Air Force relative to a decision on GUSTO.

16. PROCESSING TRAINING FILM - Col. Burke requested that Operations conduct a study to determine if we can process training film other than at EK and at a lower price. This was as a result of a query by Mr. Bissell as to whether the processing at EK was necessary. [] advised that 10% of the training missions were processed at EK for the two-fold purpose of testing camera perfection and for training SAC and RECCE TECH people. It was pointed out that El Green must keep one shift going at all times in order to maintain his capability and that the use of the training film as stated above serves this purpose. The study would cover not only the possibility of cutting the shift but also the feasibility of using [] other Air Force unit.

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